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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

Sir:

Applicants hereby inquire into the status of the above-identified application. A period of over two years has passed since the Notification of Acceptance was received in our offices on August 7, 2001. Said notification was mailed on August 3, 2001.

Applicants previously filed a Request for Status of this application on April 17, 2002, indicating that a period of over eight months had passed from the August 3, 2001 mailing date of the Notification of Acceptance without substantive examination. In response to the first inquiry Applicants received a 371 Acceptance Letter (Confirmation No. 8604) and a filing receipt both with the mailing date of July 23, 2002. The Acceptance letter indicated that the application was deemed to be complete and would be processed for examination. However, to date there has been no substantive examination of this application.

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